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**HEAD OF CITY NON-PROFIT CHARGED WITH THEFT OF FUNDS**

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Laurie Magid, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Janice Fedarcyk, and Philadelphia Inspector General Amy Kurland today announced the filing of an Information<sup>1</sup> against Dorena Kearney charging that she stole \$138,768 in federal program funds while serving as Executive Director of Colours, Incorporated.

Colours, Incorporated is a non-profit agency, funded by the Philadelphia Health Department, providing social services and education to sexual minorities and people of color. Through the Philadelphia Health Department, Colours receives some federal funds. In 2004, Kearney was appointed executive director by the non-profit's governing board. According to the indictment, Kearney had used credit cards and lines of credit, belonging to Colours, to pay for personal expenditures, including but not limited to elective surgery, a cruise, and personal legal fees.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Dorena Kearney	Lindenwold, NJ	52

If convicted, Kearney faces an advisory guideline sentencing range of 12 to 18 months in prison, plus restitution.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Inspector General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation . It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Barrett. This investigation is the result of the city's initiative to crack down on corruption through a working partnership between the city and federal governments. The partnership involves the city's Office of Inspector General, the FBI, and the U.S. Attorney's office.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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